

REBELS FOR WAR MAKE THREATS AGAINST TAFT

Action of United States
Resented and Situation
Again Serious.

DISSENSIONS IN RANKS.

Armistice Signed but Peace
Envoy Get Secret Reports
of Trouble.

HAVANA, Sept. 24.—There are persistent rumors that the insurgents intend harm to Secretaries Taft and Bacon, the American Commissioners. In the event of a peace compact being made on terms unsatisfactory to them, while these are not taken over seriously, there is in some of the camps much insubordination and mutterings against the leaders because they have undertaken to make peace with the Government through Americans.

The men in the field believe that they had the Government beaten and that the Americans are now trying to steal their glory. This condition of affairs is believed to menace the permanency of any agreements which may be made.

Charge Bad Faith.

Secret reports received by Messrs. Taft and Bacon of the situation in the Cuban camp declare that the insurgents have been made indignant by the preparations of the United States for landing marines and they hint at bad faith on the part of the American commissioners.

Gen. Asbell, commander of the American forces in Havana province, is particularly suspicious.

They are talking freely and if hostilities are opened threaten to burn Marianao and Punta Bravo, break into small bands and seek safety in the mountains.

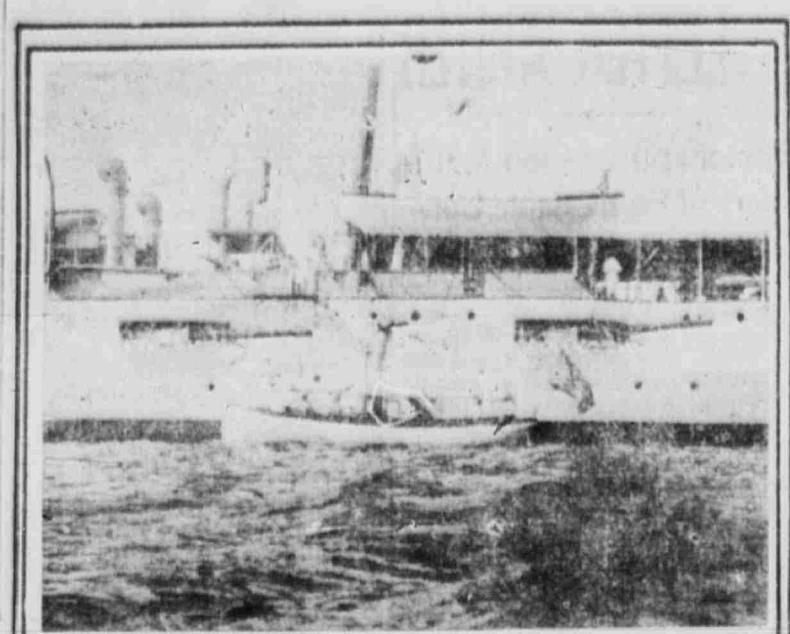
Small bands of bandits not associated with either army have taken advantage of the truce and are pillaging in the south and west parts of Havana province, stealing what they want and destroying other property.

Taft's Armistice.

The following is the text of Secretary

Secretary Taft Landing in Cuba; the Warship on Which He Arrived.

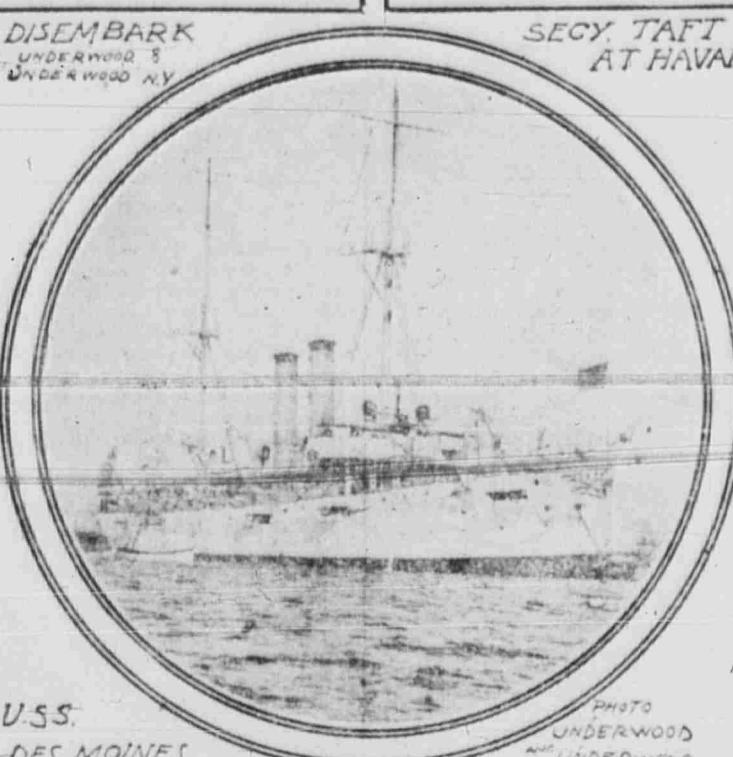
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SECY. TAFT LANDING
AT HAVANA
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Taft's armistice, as agreed upon absolutely by the insurgents and on one condition by the Government officials:

"A truce or suspension of arms having been decreed by the President of Cuba and proclaimed to the forces of the Liberal Party by their leaders, I, as intermediary for the purpose of arranging a permanent peace, have the honor to request the opposing parties to specifically agree during the truce to refrain from all acts of hostility and to desist from all military operations of a hostile character, and all propagandist movements or manœuvres which could not have been performed during the continuance of hostilities as would have been performed under the fire of the opposing party."

"—No movements of troops shall take place on either side without a notification to the opposing authorities, viz., the Secretary of the Interior of Cuba, Alfred Zayas, representing the Liberal Party, and the American Peace Commission.

"—This peace shall be effective throughout Cuba.

"—If either party violates any of the expressed conditions the opposing party shall not take hostile action until after

an interval of twenty-four hours after notification to the Peace Commission.

"—Hostilities shall not be resumed for at least twenty-four hours after notification to the Peace Commission.

"It is requested that acceptance of these conditions be made in writing to me. Very respectfully,

(Signed) "WILLIAM H. TAFT,
Secretary of War of the United States."

Meeting Delayed.

The first meeting of the American mediators and the insurgents' and liberals' committee, called for this morning, was again postponed on account of the number of Cuban Garcia, one of the conspiracy prisoners, who had been added to the committee. The meeting probably will be held this evening. Much depends on the attitude of the committee at the first conference.

WASHINGTON READY TO ACT IN CUBA.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Official news with regard to the situation in Cuba was lacking in Washington today. The pacific tone of the despatches from Havana yesterday had a favorable effect upon the military and navy officials, and this was a marked change

in the attitude of the committee.

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